



TOPICS

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Principal: Mrs Annette Hollingsworth
Assistant Principal: Mrs Amanda Bird
Assistant Principal: Ms Jane Hudson

AST: Ms Corinne Leale
AST: Ms Renae Martin
AST: Ms Rhona Stevenson
AST: Mrs Cate Walker

School Business Manager: Mrs Lyn Steel
School Psychologist: Ms Rebekah Mizzi
Social Worker: Ms Bethany McDougall
Speech Pathologist: Mrs Robyn Williams

TERM DATES - 2017

Term 1 Wednesday 8 February
- Thursday 13 April
Easter Friday 14 April
- Tuesday 18 April
Term 2 Monday 1 May
- Friday 7 July
Term 3 Monday 24 July
- Friday 29 September
Term 4 Monday 16 October
- Thursday 21 December

Student Free Days

Tuesday 7 February Thursday 13 April
Monday 24 July Friday 3 November

SCHOOL TIMES

9.00 – 11.00am
Morning session

11.00 – 11.30am
RECESS

11.30 – 12.50pm
Mid-morning session

12.50 – 1.40pm
LUNCH (Students are supervised whilst
eating their lunch from 12.50-1.00pm)

1.40 – 3.00pm
Afternoon session

*NB: It would be appreciated if children
do not arrive at school prior to 8.30am
but we encourage children to be at
school by 8.50am for the start of class*

**School Duty of Care is between
8.30am and 3.00pm**

From The Principal

This week **we welcomed Brock Rush and Jake Gardiner** to our school. We are delighted to have you both and all your family join Trevallyn Primary School.

I am very happy to share with you that **Mrs Lyn Steel has been appointed substantively as our School Business Manager**. Lyn has developed many positive relationships in our school community this last year and we are most fortunate to have her continue as a school leader. We look forward to many years of working alongside Lyn and working collaboratively to achieve high quality outcomes for Trevallyn Primary School.

Congratulations to Millie Van Est who has been a successful competitor in the Lego Mosaics Competition. By entering she has also won a \$50 gift card for TPS. We will certainly put this to good use.

The new **Education Act 2016** commenced during the school holidays and you may notice some changes beginning this last half of the year. This is the first update in more than 20 years. There will be a staged approach to implementation of the Act to allow us all to become familiar and be involved in necessary updating. Please find attached to this newsletter an initial introduction and the first information sheet about changes to student absences.

I have this week had the great pleasure of attending Launceston College's production, **In the Heights** opening night. Past students Eden Koesmapahlawan, Travis Parkinson, Lucy McDonald, Emily Reeve, Harriet Symes, Shanice Chuku, Willow McLoughlin, Margo Wilson and Danielle Causby represented TPS in an outstanding manner. Our students go on to achieve great things. What outstanding opportunities are on offer in our community!



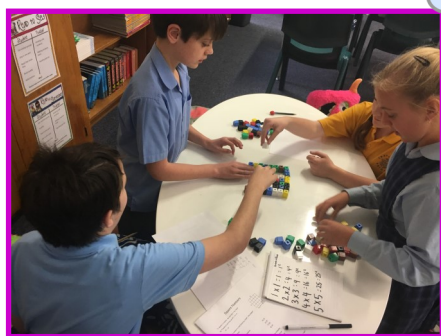
It is a pleasure to introduce you to 5-6B as **Class of the Week** later in this newsletter.

Annette

Class of the Week! 5/6 Brown



Maths and wet weather!



Team Challenges!



One of our three master pieces!



**Science, Digital Technologies, Buddies, Maths, school carnivals, team challenges, Art exhibitions, Extreme Downball and so much more!
We have had a wonderful time so far this year in 5/6Brown!**

Extreme Science— Ice melting experiment and volcano lamps!



Bee Bots and Buddies



Asthma and Allergy Policies and Procedures

In the previous newsletter I shared links to our Allergy and Asthma Policies and informed that we are an **Allergy Aware School**. This change acknowledges that allergies and anaphylaxis are multiple in nature and greater than just nuts. Food allergies are the most common cause of anaphylaxis. There is no cure for food allergy, therefore avoidance of known food allergens is crucial. Peanuts and tree nuts are the foods most likely to cause anaphylaxis.

Our school is supporting children at risk of anaphylaxis by:

- training staff,
- encouraging children to wash their hands after eating,
- educating children about food allergies, and
- not selling foods in the school canteen which have peanuts or tree nuts (e.g. hazelnuts, cashews, almonds etc).

In summary, we ask you to support children at risk of anaphylaxis by:

- not sending food which has peanuts or tree nuts (e.g. hazelnuts, cashews, almonds etc.),
- teaching your child not to share food with friends,
- encouraging your child to wash their hands after eating,
- asking your child to get help immediately if their allergic schoolmate gets sick, and
- explaining to your child that teasing a child with an allergy or tampering with their medication, is both unacceptable and inappropriate and could be life-threatening.

With your help we can provide a safe environment that meets the needs of all our children.

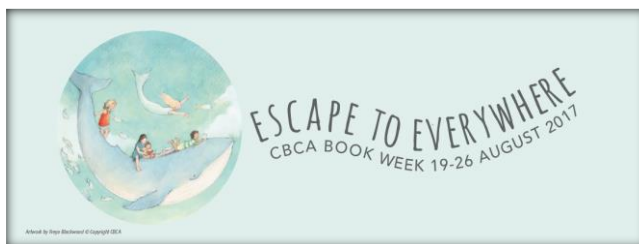
Building has commenced



Book Week August 19 - 26

Book Week is such an exciting time for celebrating books and this year's theme of **ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE** has so much potential and scope for Book Week activities. Where do you escape to when you are reading a good book?

Our Book Week Parade will be held on Thursday August 24th at 10:30 in the Quadrangle. Come dressed as your favourite character and share your **ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE** with us.



Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn. Through this we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26 July to Tuesday 19 September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker for every \$10 spent. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the sticker sheet can be dropped into the collection box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more, visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.



5/6 Sport – Friday 11 August

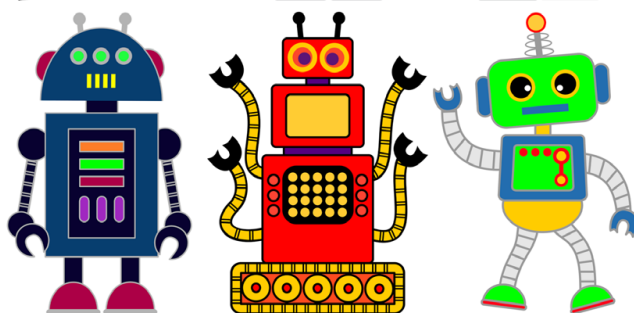
Football	vs Punchbowl at Trevallyn with Ms Hudson
Soccer	vs Mowbray at Mowbray with Mr Johnson
Netball	vs Norwood at Norwood with Mrs Price
Hockey	vs Invermay at St Leonards with Ms Stevenson
Kingball	at Trevallyn with Mrs Petrohilos
Bootcamp	at Royal Park with Mrs Brown

Parent Child Playgroup

Parent Child (0-4) will run Friday mornings
9:00 - 10:30am in the Kinder rooms.

Friday 11 August - Robots

All welcome, come and join in!



Success in LLI

This year 28 students have participated in **Levelled Literacy Intervention** sessions with Fiona Cramp and Amanda Bird. At this stage, 23 of those students have improved by at least 3 levels, 15 of those students have improved by 5 levels and 6 students have achieved by 7 or more levels. As a result, 50% of those students are now at an age appropriate reading level and have completed the program.

These strong results are a reflection of the great commitment of all involved.

In particular, I would like to thank all parents who have supported their children's reading progress. This partnership between school and home is a major contributor to these high student outcomes.



Fiona Cramp
Learning Support Teacher

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to volunteer? Would you like to make a difference?

We would appreciate volunteers (holding a Working With Vulnerable People card) to support developing readers. If interested and available on Thursdays or Friday mornings, please call the office to provide and receive details.



National Schools' Tree Day 28 July

We had fantastic weather for our school's Tree Planting Day. Grades 4 Bransden, I Hepburn and 5/6 Brown learned about Tasmanian native plants and how they got their names. We also found a large spider which we think was a Trap Door spider. Our bush area will look fantastic and we look forward to caring for these new plants and watching them grow.

Many thanks to Anna Povey, Al Hugo at NRM North, Bunnings, Abel Landscape Supplies and to the parent helpers who gave up their time to help.



ECE Assembly Awards – 31 July

P-B (Butler)
P-OW (Oliver/Walker)
P-S (Stanton)
P-I-RB (Reid/Bender)
I-2-A (Andrew)
I-H (Hepburn)
2-A (Alexander)
2-R (Rodrigues)

Indi Turner Houghton
Jake Mitchell
Max Dalgleish
Bridget Toohey
Stella Manion
Oscar Blyth
Blayde Triffett
Elise Tompkins

Jude Campbell
Lucy McGillivray
Hamish Bonney
Ravelle Caverson
Tyrell Genge
River Hunt
Keira Phelan
Ashleigh Hepher

Congratulations to all the students above.

Singfest – 27 September

Our school choir will be busy this term as they prepare for Singfest 2017. Tickets for Singfest will be available from the Princess Theatre box office in Brisbane Street from Monday 7 August or by phone using credit card (with a small charge) on 6323 3666. There will be limited door sales on the night, cash only as there is no EFTPOS available. Tickets will be \$10 per person. Concession tickets will be available for children two and under who sit on a parent's lap, or a companion cardholder for anyone in a wheelchair.

The concert will start at 6:30pm and conclude at about 8:00pm.

This year we will be performing alongside Norwood Primary School. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and work with new people.



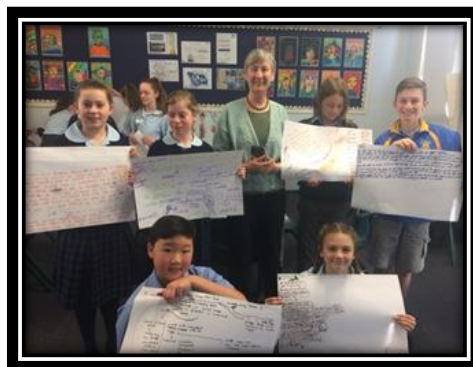
New Kinder Boat

Many thanks to our Education Facility Attendant, Chris Midson, for making our boat. Our kinder and LIL students have had some wonderful experiences.



Lian Tanner visit – 5-6-Stevenson/Johnson

On Monday, Lian (author of the Keepers trilogy) helped our 'Write Rd' students in a writing workshop. When Lian is planning a novel, she uses big sheets of paper and textas and lets her imagination go wild! Our students really enjoyed this process and found it gave them more space to think about ideas. Lian advises students to have lots of jobs and adventures so that they have experiences to write about. Lian has worked as a teacher, a juggler, an actor and tour guide. Usually a novel takes five drafts and her first draft is a 'play' draft where she is figuring out what her story is about. This is encouraging news for our budding authors!



Sunrise Bakery Fundraising

Our School Association has put together a Sunrise Bakery Fundraising Drive.
Forms and letters have been distributed.
Encourage family, friends and neighbours to support our school by purchasing items from the list. Delicious family meal ideas and treats are all available. Products are suitable for freezing.
Orders are due back with full payment on Monday 14 August, with delivery being the following Tuesday.
Any questions contact Ange Shipp or Phil Gregory (0419 805 415).

*** Community News ***

Don't forget to check the Community News on the Trevallyn Primary School website to find out what is happening in your local area.

Visit the website at: <https://trevallynprimary.education.tas.edu.au/Pages/Community-News.aspx>

Latest uploads include:

- Trevallyn Cricket Club

Kindergarten 2018

KINDERGARTEN

Do you live in the Trevallyn area and have a child turning 4 years old this year?

Do you have a friend who has a child who turns 4 years old this year, living in the Trevallyn area?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then they are old enough to start Kindergarten in 2018.

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2018, please see the administration staff in our school office.

Trevallyn Primary School Association

Chairperson: Chris Elliott Vice Chairperson: Deb Mitchell Treasurer: Angela Shipp

Correspondence Secretary: Joanne Beswick

Parent Representatives: Brian Wightman Nicole Willcox Phil Gregory Carolyn Saunders Gail Martin

Student Representatives: Ava Gleeson Olly Woodcock-Davis

School & Teacher Representatives: Annette Hollingsworth Jane Hudson Amanda Bird Naomi Brown

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 7 August	3-6 Assembly. Hosts 3 de Boer. Multipurpose Room. 1:40pm
Monday 14 August	Prep-2 Assembly. Hosts Prep Oliver/Walker. Multipurpose Room. 1:40pm
Monday 14 August	Sunrise Bakery order forms and money due
Tuesday 15 August	ICAS Testing - Mathematics
Wednesday 16 August	5JH, 5PL and 5-6B QVMAG Excursion
Wednesday 16 August	1-2A, 2A, 3D, 3C and 3-4R QVMAG Excursion
Monday 21 August	3-6 Assembly. Hosts 4 Partridge. Multipurpose Room. 1:40pm
Monday 21 August	Cup Cake Day TBC
Tuesday 22 August	Sunrise Bakery Orders delivered
Wednesday 23 August	2A and 2R Wizard of Oz Excursion. Princess Theatre
Thursday 24 August	Book Week Parade
Monday 28 August	Prep-2 Assembly. Hosts 2 Alexander. Multipurpose Room. 1:40pm
Thursday 31 August	School Association Meeting. Staffroom 7pm
Friday 1 September	Father's Day Breakfast. Details TBA



New Education Act Commences

The new *Education Act 2016* commenced during the school holidays and parents may notice some changes beginning in schools during Term 3 and 4 this year.

The first update of the Education Act in more than 20 years is the result of extensive consultation with educators and parents. The Act now provides schools with an up-to-date legislative framework that better supports us to provide your child or young person with high quality teaching and learning.

The staged approach to implementation of the Act allows time for parents and schools to become familiar with the changes and to be involved in updating their school's policies and practices.

Lowering the voluntary school starting age is yet to be approved by both Houses of Parliament. Other aspects of the new Education Act were passed by the Parliament last year and have now begun with changes to rollout from now through to 2021.

Below are key changes from 10 July 2017 for parents to be aware of:

Attendance:

- **Daily attendance:** Attending school regularly is essential to learning and keeping students engaged in school. To help increase school attendance there is a new limited set of circumstances in which a student can be authorised to be absent from school.
- **Part-time attendance:** To make sure that approval for a student to attend school part-time is in their best interests, there is an updated process for parents or independent youths to apply to the Department of Education Secretary for part-time attendance.

Enrolment:

- **Flexible enrolment:** Recognising that flexible enrolment options may be required to support a student's learning outcomes, there are increased and more flexible school enrolment options including:
 - Part-time enrolment of home educated students as part of their home education program
 - Dual enrolment for students with disability enrolling at more than one school (both a specialised support school and another school)
 - Year 13 enrolments.

- **Exemption from enrolment:** To make sure an exemption from enrolment is in the best interests of a student, there is an updated process for parents or independent youths to apply to the Minister for Education and Training for exemption from enrolment.
- **Leaving requirements:** With evidence clearly demonstrating that students who stay at school have much better employment and life outcomes, students must continue to participate in education and training until they complete Year 12, attain a Certificate III, or they turn 17 years of age (whichever occurs first). The minimum leaving age increases to 18 in 2020, which means that current students in Year 8 and earlier school years will need to participate in education and training for longer or achieve a higher qualification.

Managing behaviour to support a safe school environment:

- **Requesting third-party information:** To support a child's access to education and support students who may behave in a way that leads to a risk of harm to themselves or others, schools can request information about a student's behaviour to enable the development and maintenance of strategies to better support the student. This includes requesting information from parents at enrolment and consulting the parent and child if the school intends to request information from a third-party.
- **Suspension:** To ensure students can continue to learn, Principals must arrange and ensure that any student who is suspended is provided with appropriate educational activities during the period of suspension. Suspension will remain a last resort to be used when student's pose a risk to themselves or others.

Compulsory Conciliation Process:

- Recognising that the reasons for non-attendance can be complex, the Office of the Education Registrar has been established to help resolve issues associated with continued non-attendance at school. Schools can refer to the Registrar to begin the new compulsory conciliation conference process. Under the process, students, parents and Principals discuss and agree what needs to happen to support the child to attend school.

School Associations:

- School Associations have automatically become incorporated under the Act with existing constitutions and administrative requirements able to apply until a new proposed constitution is adopted and approved by the Minister before the end of 2017.
- School Associations undertaking specific activities will need to apply to the Secretary before the end of 2017. This includes; employing persons, holding or dealing with property, borrowing or loaning money or entering into contracts of more than \$5000. This reflects that under the Act they will have protection from legal liability.

Further information:

Further information about what the changes mean for schools, parents and students is being made available with updated parent fact sheets, school newsletter articles and information on the DoE website and Facebook pages. If you have any questions your school can help answer them with the Department providing schools with support to implement the new Act.



Attendance Matters: Changes to Student Absences

Did you know that attending school every day has a big impact on how well your child goes at school.

Missing school for whatever reason has a negative impact on students' learning. Because of this, the new Education Act specifies the reasons a child can be authorised not to attend school.

It is important that you discuss why your child is absent from school with the school Principal or a staff member as soon as practicable.

Why is this change important?

The changes to being authorised not to attend school will help address absenteeism, which has been a longstanding issue in Tasmania.

The changes to student absences:

- Encourage regular school attendance to help your child to make steady progress with their learning and gain the skills and knowledge needed for success both now and later in life.
- Help your child see themselves as a valuable and enthusiastic member of their classroom with high expectations of their own potential.
- Help you to emphasise to your child the value and importance of their education.
- Ensure there is a consistent statewide approach to authorised absences across all Tasmanian schools.

When can my child be authorised not to attend school?

Reasons your child can be authorised to be absent include:

- sickness/incapacity
- medical, legal or related appointments
- natural disaster or extreme weather preventing your child from safely attending their enrolled school
- terminal illness of an immediate family member

- bereavement of a person your child had a close, significant or family relationship with
- having witnessed or been subjected to family violence
- being a participant or official at a recognised National or International sporting, academic or cultural event
- an application for home education being received by the Education Registrar and provisional registration being granted.

What will happen if my child is absent for a reason that isn't listed?

- The absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.
- Principals receive notifications about the number of unauthorised absences your child has.
- Your child's school may send you a letter notifying you of the number of unauthorised absences your child has.
- They will seek to work with you to increase your child's attendance to maximise their learning if the Principal is concerned about your child's attendance.

What happens if my family go on holiday during school term?

- Schools have always encouraged family holidays to be planned for during the scheduled school holiday breaks.
- If your family decides to take a holiday during school term, you are encouraged to discuss your plans with the Principal or your child's teacher.
- Penalties will not apply if an absence is explained.

Where can I get more information?

- If you want your child to attend school but need help to do this, your child's school would really like to talk to you about what help you need.
- Please contact your child's school for more information.